

In Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 6, adopt Article 8, Section 3963 to read:

Article 8. South American Spongeplant

Section 3963. South American Spongeplant Eradication Area.

(a) Proclamation of Eradication Area. The portions of the State of California described as follows, within which a certain pest, *Limnobium laevigatum* (South American spongeplant), is known to exist, are hereby proclaimed to be eradication areas with respect to said pest:

The entire countyies of Fresno, Madera and Shasta.

(b) Possible Carriers. Any and all premises, soil, streams, lakes, ponds, water channels, and any other articles or things which are infested or exposed to infestation by South American spongeplant, within said area.

(c) Means and Methods. The following means and methods may be used in the eradication of said pest within said area.

(1) The repeated timely application of herbicides to any and all premises, soil, streams, lakes, ponds, water channels, and any other articles or things which are infested or exposed to infestation with South American spongeplant.

(2) The placement of screens in infested streams, water channels or ditches to prevent the spread or reinfestation of South American spongeplant.

(3) The visual inspection of streams, lakes, ponds, water channels and other places and things for the presence of South American spongeplant.

(4) The thorough cleaning of any machinery or equipment after use in infested areas before moving said machinery or equipment to an uninfested location.

(5) The excavating or removal by hydraulic or other means of South American spongeplant followed with burial or drying on a non-aquatic site within the eradication area.

(6) The draining, removing or preventing water from being able to be present to support an infestation of South American spongeplant.

Authority: Sections 407 and 5322, Food and Agricultural Code

Reference: Sections 407, 5322, 5761, 5762 and 5763, Food and Agricultural Code